



*“The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered nearly \$312.1 million in federal program payments and loans to Montana farmers and ranchers during fiscal year 2012. Montana agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees.”*

**Bruce Nelson - State Executive Director**

## Commodity Program Payments: \$124.2 million

Montana producers received substantial monetary support during FY 2012 in the form of commodity and price support program payments.

**\$76,204,640 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)** Direct payments provide income support to producers of eligible commodities based on production history (acreage and yields). Counter-cyclical payments are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

**\$8,512,505 - Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)** provides revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price-based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

**\$1,151,463 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)** provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



## Conservation: \$94.2 million

*FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Montana. Conservation investments in FY 2012 include:*

**\$91,728,627 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

**\$1,709,320 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

## \$3,270,107 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

**\$35,023,105 - Commodity Loans** are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities that are farm or warehouse stored.

**Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2011**

	Value of receipts thousand	Percent of state total farm receipts	Percent of US value
1. Wheat	1,372,012	38.7	9.4
2. Cattle and calves	1,207,605	34.1	1.9
3. Hay	270,704	7.6	4.1
4. Barley	143,093	4	20.3
5. Sugar beets	71,168	2	3.7
<b>All commodities</b>	<b>3,542,207</b>		<b>0.9</b>

**Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, 2011**

	Rank among states	Value million \$
1. Wheat	3	1,044.00
2. Other products	34	181.8
3. Beef and veal	14	104
4. Grain products	17	77.1
5. Hides and skins	14	51.1
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,632.40</b>

Source: www.ERS.gov



**\$728,010 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)** is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by maintaining viable ranching operations.

## Disaster Assistance: \$15.2 million

*From drought to flood, freeze and tornadoes - FSA was financially responsive to Montana producers following natural disasters.*

**\$418,301 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

**\$11,738,438 - Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment (SURE)** provides benefits for 2008 through 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. It is the 2008 Farm Bill's successor to prior ad hoc crop disaster programs.

**\$2,653,512 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides partial reimbursements to eligible livestock owners for livestock losses suffered due to a natural disaster or other emergency.

**\$395,276 - Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** provide emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary.



## Farm Loans: \$78.4 million

*FSA offers various loan options to Montana farmers and ranchers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.*

**\$48,200,000 - Guaranteed Loan Program** FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2012, FSA guaranteed 58 farm ownership loans and 88 operating loans.

**\$29,879,000 - Direct Loan Program** FSA provides assistance to those unable to secure financing elsewhere. In FY 2012, FSA funded 45 farm ownership loans

and 307 operating loans. Included in the direct and guaranteed direct loans are 106 youth loans (\$327,000), 274 loans to beginning farmers (\$37,811,000) and 132 loans to socially disadvantaged producers (\$11,153,000).

**\$313,000 - The Emergency Loan Program** helps producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disasters or quarantine. Disasters can include flood, freeze, fire, drought, excessive wind or rainfall and some quarantines.

### Montana FSA Program Payments by County

(Includes commodity loans, programs, conservation, and disaster payments, as well as farm loan obligations)

Beaverhead	\$532,590	Meagher	\$573,555
Big Horn	\$4,298,389	Mineral	\$16,653
Blaine	\$13,814,666	Missoula	\$422,315
Broadwater	\$1,955,759	Montana	\$202,519
Carbon	\$1,445,915	Musselshell	\$1,710,318
Carter	\$4,806,906	Park	\$825,930
Cascade	\$10,068,886	Petroleum	\$1,000,306
Chouteau	\$28,718,715	Phillips	\$13,617,473
Custer	\$4,297,771	Pondera	\$12,314,401
Daniels	\$11,815,908	Powder River	\$1,936,148
Dawson	\$8,141,662	Powell	\$789,258
Deer Lodge	\$123,988	Prarie	\$2,921,385
Fallon	\$2,080,910	Ravalli	\$207,781
Fergus	\$12,360,746	Richland	\$5,737,707
Flathead	\$1,094,203	Roosevelt	\$9,319,421
Gallatin	\$5,352,216	Rosebud	\$2,737,344
Garfield	\$3,437,477	Sanders	\$124,855
Glacier	\$10,590,208	Sheridan	\$11,461,721
Golden Valley	\$2,512,108	Silver Bow	\$179,465
Granite	\$32,634	Stillwater	\$2,773,028
Hill	\$23,351,918	Sweet Grass	\$1,370,301
Jefferson	\$747,426	Teton	\$13,335,664
Judith Basin	\$5,313,875	Toole	\$13,562,023
Lake	\$965,121	Treasure	\$275,732
Lewis & Clark	\$390,272	Valley	\$15,019,470
Liberty	\$10,656,845	Wibaux	\$1,373,591
McCone	\$8,777,866	Wheatland	\$3,265,282
Madison	\$4,763,848	Yellowstone	\$4,135,988

